

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first and second full paragraphs on page one as follows:

The present invention relates to a computer system in which a storage device such as a hard disk device is used by a user over a network, and more particularly to a technique by which the computer system is collectively managed, and the user uses the computer system from a device coupled over the network.

In recent years, the price reductions of a personal computer (hereinafter referred to as "PC") and network devices have ~~been~~ advanced, and business enterprises that distribute devices such as the PCs to most of employees for conducting ~~application are being~~ applications have increased in number. As ~~[[the]] a business enterprises purchase~~ enterprise purchases an increased number of PCs with the price reduction in the PC, the number of PCs that must be subjected to maintenance operation by a device manager within the business enterprise is ~~increased~~ increases in proportion. In the present specification, the maintenance operation is directed to, for example, version up or bug fix of an operating system (hereinafter referred to as "OS") or a business application, a response to a hardware failure, antivirus or safeguard against virus. Since the management costs expended for the maintenance operation are very high, the management costs become more immense in proportion as the number of employees who use the PCs is more increased.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 2 as follows:

In the server client system, because an operation process and the storage of data are mainly conducted by the server, there is a reduced ~~[[the]]~~ necessity or frequency of conducting the version up or bug fix of the OS or the application used for business, antivirus or the

safeguard against virus by a client, individually. For that reason, the total management costs can be reduced.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

The summary of the present invention will be described below. That is, in order to achieve the above object, a computer system according to the present invention is structured in such a manner that a plurality of blade style computers is coupled to a storage device over a network. A user employs that blade style computer over the network as a computer that can freely set the environments and applications by each of the users with the use of an arbitrary client (hereinafter also referred to as “terminal device”). More specifically, the blade style computer ~~that~~ is used by the user access to OS or data by using a storage device having a storage area that has been allocated by the respective users over the network. For achieving the above access, the blade style computers are coupled to the storage device through ~~not a hard disk dedicate interface but~~ a network communication interface (instead of through a dedicated hard disk interface). Any of the plural blade style computers which should be used by the user is selected on the basis of a given rule by the management computer, and ~~notified~~ notifies the user of this selection. The management computer manages information on a correspondence of a storage area of the storage device to the user who uses the storage area, and notifies the blade style computers which are used by the user of the information on the storage area corresponding to the user.

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Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 as follows:

A user uses one arbitrary terminal among terminal devices (1007-1 to 1007-m). The terminal devices 1007 are coupled to a network 1006 through network wirings (1909-1 to 1909-m), respectively. The network 1006 is also coupled to a management computer 1008 and a hub device 1004. The user selects one or plural computer PCBAs from a computer device 1002 consisting of n computer PCBAs (1001-1 to 1001-n: corresponding to the blade style computers) for use. The management computer 1008 selects any of the computer PCBAs 1001 according to a predetermined rule, and then instructs the selected computer PCBA ~~to the terminal~~ to the terminal devices 1007. Alternatively, it is possible that the user per se directly instructs any of the computer PCBAs to be used to the management computer 1008. In order to start the computer PCBA 1001 that has been selected according to the rule or the instruction, the management computer 1008 instructs a power control mechanism 1003 to start the computer PCBA 1001. The power control mechanism 1003 supplies a power to a power line (1009-1 to 1009-n) corresponding to the instructed computer PCBA 1001 to start the computer PCBA 1001. For example, in the case where the computer PCBA 1001-1 is selected, the ~~power control~~ power control mechanism 1003 supplies a power to a power supply 1009-1.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 as follows:

The above rule ~~maybe~~ may be defined as follows: For example, the user selects a computer PCBA which most matches a condition that is designated in advance (performance, memory capacity), selects a computer PCBA that is lower in the frequency of use, saves the use history of the computer PCBA by the user and preferentially selects a computer PCBA which has been used by the user with reference to the use history, selects the computer PCBA at random,

and selects a computer PCBA that is the highest in performance from the computer PCBAs that have not yet been used. Also, the computer PCBA may be selected in each of groups such as a department or a section to which the user belongs. For example, the executive officer's computer PCBAs are distinguished from another group, or if a shared server of the department is provided, the computer PCBA is selected from the group that can access to the department server. In this case, information on the respective groups (information on the users who belongs to the respective groups) is managed by the management computer 1008 with the use of a table. In addition, it is possible that dates of manufacture of the computer PCBAs are managed, and the oldest (or newest) computer PCBA is selected from unused computer PCBAs.